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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

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AMEMBASSY NIAMEY IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 113

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, PINS, CASC, AEMR, DM

SUBJECT: BENIN COUP ATTEMPT: UPDATE AS OF 0717GMT, 17 JANUARY

1. STREETS OF COTONOU ARE QUIET THIS MORNING AND SOME EMBASSY FSL'S HAVE ARRIVED TO WORK SAYING THEY HAVE NO PROBLEMS MOVING AROUND TOWN. RADIO HAS NOT YET SAID FOREIGNERS MAY MOVE IN TOWN, HOWEVER, AND ONE DOMESTIC SERVANT, WHO IS MEMBER OF A LOCAL MILITIA UNIT, HAS TOLD EMBOFF THAT SEARCH CONTINUES FOR FOREIGN MERCENARIES.

2. EMBASSY NET STILL WORKING AND AS OF 0700 GMT CHARGE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ALL OFFICIAL AMERICANS WHO REPORT NO PROBLEMS. AMERICANS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REMAIN INDOORS UNTIL OFFICIAL APPROVAL TO COME OUT HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. CONSULAR OFFICER, WHO HAS ONLY WORKING TELEPHONE, HAS BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT PROTOCOL OFFICE OF MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT CHARGE'S REQUEST TO CONFIRM STATUS OF CURFEW, FIND OUT WHETHER OR NOT BORDERS ARE OPEN, AND REQUEST GPRB ASSURANCES PROTECTION AMCITS AND OFFICIAL PROPERTY. MFA DOES NOT
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HAVE ANSWER EITHER QUESTION, HAS REQUESTED THAT OUR REQUEST FOR PROTECTION BE PUT IN FORM OF OFFICIAL NOTE. WE DO NOT HAVE SECRETARIAL STAFF TO ACCOMPLISH THAT AT THIS TIME, WILL TRY ASAP AFTER CURFEW IS LIFTED.

3. RADIO COMMUNIQUE LATE SUNDAY NIGHT, EARLY MORNING, REPORTED TELEGRAMS OF SUPPORT COMING FROM SEKOU TOURE OF GUINEA, MOHAMED

LAMEEN OF SAHARAN PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND BOUMEDIENNE OF ALGERIA. TOURE'S MESSAGE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY LONG VERBAL STATEMENT, APPARENTLY RECORDED OR SENT BY RADIO, WHICH ACCUSED "CERTAIN AFRICAN COUNTRIES" OF "APPROVING" THE COUP ATTEMPT. THESE WERE BROADCAST AT 1245 GMT SUNDAY NIGHT 16/17 JANUARY, ALONG WITH LONG WRAP-UP OF EVENTS OF THE DAY, AND REPRESENT LAST OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF GPRB TO PUBLIC.

4. SSB CONTACT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH EMBASSY LOME, WHO IS STANDING BY.
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